



# Cemetery Board

April 22, 2009 - 5:40 p.m. – **Minutes**  
149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford

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PRESENT - Judith Downey, Chairperson  
Carol Grimes  
Maria Quann  
Egidio Mello

**Meeting called to order at 5:40 P.M. by Chairperson Judith Downey:**

## **VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded from Maria Quann to take Angela Natho, Personnel Director and Mark Messier Union President out of order for the discussion of the Cemetery Department layoffs, and the temporary maintenance workers. All in favor.

## **VOTED:**

Motion by Carol Grimes seconded Egidio Mello to resume with the scheduled board meeting. All in favor

## **VOTED:**

Motion by Carol Grimes seconded Egidio Mello to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor

Chairperson Judith Downey informed the board that as of Thursday April 9, 2009 the Cemetery Department is the owner of St. Theresa's property located on Acushnet Avenue.

## **CEMETERY BOARD MEETING –April 22, 2009** **FY 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS / FINANCE REPORT** **EXPENDITURES**

**ACCOUNT**  
100 Salaries and Wages

\$588,376.20

## **REVENUE ACCOUNTS**

### **FY'07 RECEIPTS 7/1/08-3/31/09**

### **FY'08 RECEIPTS 7/1/07– 6/30/08**

\$47,361.00  
\$52,785.00  
\$121,584.16  
\$103,339.00  
\$145,098.62  
\$2,142.32  
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**Sales of Lots** \$72,000.00  
**Sale of Crypts** \$79,250.00  
**Care of Lots** \$198,557.13  
**Perpetual Care Deposits** \$171,599.95  
**Perpetual Care Income** \$255,427.23  
**Sale of Lots Income** \$5,779.09  
**Sale of Land Income** \$9,439.22

\*\*Includes \$15,975 for (33) Saturday burials  
Overtime expenses -\$14,573.04

\*\*Includes \$26,550.00 for (59) Saturday burials  
Overtime expense - \$31,362.96

The following amounts were paid to the City Auditor from the Cemetery Department general fund accounts:

**200 Charges and Services - \$607.76**  
**400 Supplies and Materials- \$6,310.09**  
**TOTAL - \$ 6,917.85**

### **CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND**

Account balance (investments & income) per 3/31/09 statement	\$164.23
Account balance (investments & income) per 2/28/09 statement	\$1,865,433.81

### **CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS FUND**

Account balance (investment & income) per 3/31/09 statement	\$ 20.31
Account balance (investment & income) per 2/28/09 statement	\$29,956.43

### **CEMETERY SALE OF LAND FUND**

Account balance (investment & income) per 3/31/09 statement	\$ 0.00
Account balance (investment & income) per 2/28/09 statement	\$35,000.00

Chairperson Judith Downey informed the board members that as of March 20, 2009 Merrill Lynch is now the share - holders of the cemetery stocks. Also there was an E-mail from City Auditor received by Judith Downey as to monies owed from the purchase of St. Theresa's property.

#### **VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded Maria Quann to address the \$181,000.00 deficit. All in favor.

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CEMETERY BOARD - April 22,2009**

That Certificates be issued for lots/graves sold with perpetual care to:

#### **RURAL CEMETERY:**

Alice Botas, Lot 376 Section 204: \$1,950.00  
Florian DeMatos, Lot 75 Section 200: \$3,900.00  
Antonio Medeiros, Grave 24 Section 203: \$780.00  
Madelena Rodrigues, Lot 377 Section 204: \$1,950.00  
Shawn Silva, Grave 23 Section 203: \$780.00  
Daisy Vega, Grave 10 Section 203: \$780.00  
Donna Wingrove, Grave 22 Section 203: \$780.00

#### **PINE GROVE CEMETERY:**

Martha Alvarado, Grave 72 Section 25: \$780.00  
Maria Avelar, Lot 736 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
Maria Cordeiro, Lot 751 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
Olinda Crespo, Lot 747 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
Deborah Fanney, Grave 75 Section 25: \$780.00  
Barbara A. Lewis, Lot 748 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
Richard Machnowski, Grave 71 Section 25: \$780.00  
Jaime Marujo, Lot 749 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
Denora Mello, Lot 750 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
James J. Oliver, Grave 70 Section 25: \$780.00  
Louise Soars, Lot 752 Section 24 Premium: \$2,340.00  
John C. Vieira, Grave 73 Section 25: \$780.00

#### **VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded by Egidio Mello to dispense with the reading of the certificates and approve them as submitted. All in favor.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

- Cleaning of Cemeteries.
- Foundations for markers/monuments up to date.
- Seeding of lots
- Theft of trailer and plow from Rural Cemetery

#### **VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded by Maria Quann to accept the Superintendent Report.  
All in favor.

**BOARD MEETING -- April 22, 2009**  
**INFORMATION REPORT**

Since our last meeting 19 new lots/graves were sold and lots transferred. This brings the total, for FY '09, to 103 lots/graves sold and 3 lots transferred.

Burials as of March 31, 2009

Rural	124	Regular Burials	183
Oak Grove	9	Welfare Burials	23
Pine Grove	123	Cremation Burials	46
Peckham West	1	Children Burials	1
		Stillborn Burials	1
		Entombment	3
		Removal	<u>0</u>
Total	257	Total	257

Grave boxes used	167	Vaults used	56
Saturday burials			33

**Cremation Burials**

Rural	16	Pine Grove	19	Oak Grove	5	Peckham West	1
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**Communications received:**

3/20/09 -Correspondence received from Attorney Davis Howes regarding the estate of David S. Hendrick  
3/25/09 -Received a letter from Greenhouse Gardeners, Robert Rebello and Edwin Reis  
4/7/ 09 -Received notification from City Council on deed acceptance.  
4/13/09 -fax received from City Auditor re: Fy' 10 P.C. budget supplement

**VOTED:**

Motion made by Egidio Mello, seconded by Carol Grimes to accept the information report as amended with the communications received, and place on file. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Hiring of temporary workers for FY' 10
- Overtime (if necessary) for Saturday May 23, 2009.
- Egidio Mello and Carol Grimes are up for reappointment as Board Members

**VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes to pay the salaries only of the 4 temporary maintenance workers for Fy' 10 in the amount of \$120,000.00 to be taken out of the Perpetual Care Account. Seconded by Egidio Mello. All in favor.

Motion made by Carol Grimes seconded by Egidio Mello that if necessary overtime may be used for the Saturday before Memorial Day May 23, 2009. All in favor.

**VOTED:**

Motion made by Carol Grimes, seconded by Maria Quann to adjourn meeting at 7:15 P.M. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

**SECRETARY,**